

Budget Brief – Child Nutrition Programs

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PED BB-13

SUMMARY

Child Nutrition Programs represent a series of federal assistance programs designed to provide high quality, nutritionally well balanced meals and develop nutrition awareness among students. The major programs include the National School Lunch Program, the National School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, a Food Distribution Program, and several other programs. More complete information on the Child Nutrition Programs can be found in chapter 10 of the Compendium of Budget Information.

The programs offer low cost or free meals to children in public and non-profit private schools. Qualifications for Free and Reduced Price meals may be found in the COBI chapter mentioned above.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) has made base budget allocations to the various appropriations subcommittees. The budget detail table on page 2 does not include funding for other Child Nutrition budget priorities the subcommittee may wish to consider.

The co-chairs of the EAC recommend that the subcommittee complete the following tasks: review agency base budgets; reallocate revenue where possible within the base budget to meet new subcommittee budget priorities; and, develop a priority list, to be submitted to the EAC, of new budget priorities not completed through budgetary reallocations.

Issue Briefs

Issue Briefs provide the subcommittee with additional information on FY 2007 CNP budget issues. Please refer to the following Issue Brief for additional information on the Child Nutrition Programs:

- **PED 1** – ‘Federal Funds’ provides information on all federal funds received by education agencies.

FY 2007 Base Budget

The subcommittee may wish to evaluate the ongoing budget for the child nutrition programs; make any needed adjustments; and adopt a base budget for FY 2007. The base budget for this line item totals \$118,516,400. The majority of program revenue comes from the federal government. The State contributes some Uniform School Fund revenue, as well as the revenue collected from the Liquor Tax to support the Child Nutrition Programs.

Figure 1: State Board of Education - Child Nutrition - Budget History

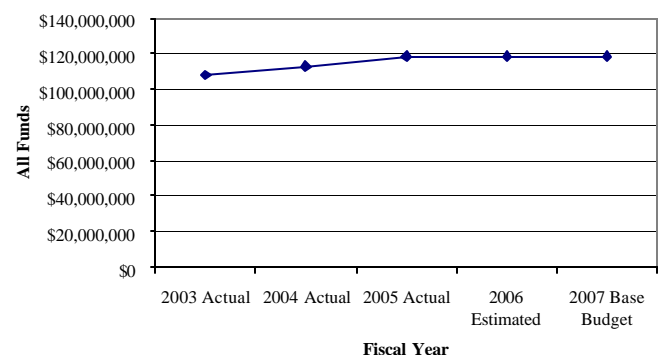


Figure 2: State Board of Education - Child Nutrition - FTE History

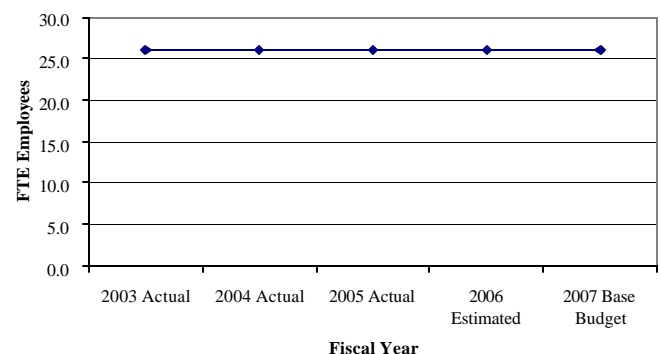
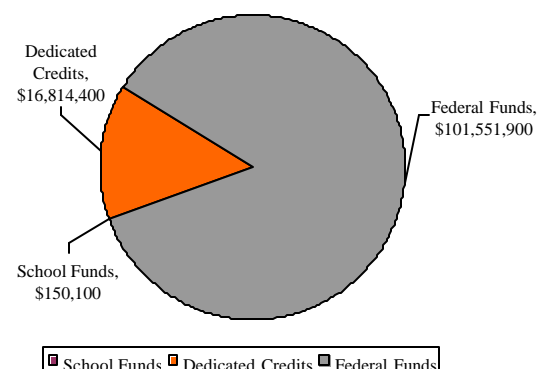


Figure 3: State Board of Education - Child Nutrition - FY 2007 Funding Mix



BUDGET DETAIL

Eighty-six percent of the revenue supporting the Child Nutrition Programs comes from the federal government. The programs collect \$16,814,400 in dedicated credits revenue generated through the state tax on liquor. Dedicated credits support over fourteen percent of the total Child Nutrition budget. The remaining revenue supporting the Child Nutrition Programs comes from the Uniform School Fund in the amount of \$150,100. The Uniform School Fund appropriation supports the personnel costs associated with the Food Distribution Program (often referred to as the commodities program) operated by the Child Nutrition section at USOE.

Over ninety-eight percent of the revenue supporting Child Nutrition Programs is passed on to local school districts to support school meal programs.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

State Board of Education - Child Nutrition						
	FY 2005	FY 2006		FY 2006		FY 2007*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
Uniform School Fund	143,900	150,100	0	150,100	0	150,100
Uniform School Fund, One-time	900	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	100,223,900	96,212,500	5,344,700	101,557,200	(5,300)	101,551,900
Dedicated Credits Revenue	18,123,100	16,814,400	0	16,814,400	0	16,814,400
Lapsing Balance	(1,500)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$118,490,300	\$113,177,000	\$5,344,700	\$118,521,700	(\$5,300)	\$118,516,400
Programs						
Child Nutrition	118,490,300	113,177,000	5,344,700	118,521,700	(5,300)	118,516,400
Total	\$118,490,300	\$113,177,000	\$5,344,700	\$118,521,700	(\$5,300)	\$118,516,400
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	1,446,100	1,506,000	(21,300)	1,484,700	(100)	1,484,600
In-State Travel	19,000	27,000	(8,000)	19,000	0	19,000
Out of State Travel	16,300	19,100	(2,800)	16,300	0	16,300
Current Expense	582,500	808,200	(225,700)	582,500	0	582,500
DP Current Expense	8,200	38,000	(29,800)	8,200	0	8,200
Other Charges/Pass Thru	116,418,200	110,778,700	5,632,300	116,411,000	(5,200)	116,405,800
Total	\$118,490,300	\$113,177,000	\$5,344,700	\$118,521,700	(\$5,300)	\$118,516,400
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	26.0	26.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	26.0
Vehicles	1	1	0	1	0	1

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

This section summarizes what actions might be taken if the Legislature wishes to adopt the recommendations presented in this brief. The Analyst recommends that the Legislature consider:

1. Reaffirm the base budget amount of \$118,516,400 for the Child Nutrition Programs detailed in the Budget Detail Table above.